

Revising Descriptive Writing

If you already have what is asked for here in your draft, you only need to do minor edition and revision; if you don't, create it here and include the changes in your next draft.

1. **Topic Sentence** (tells what is to be described). Write it here:

2. **Descriptive Words** (words that show instead of just tell; put a picture in your reader's head). List 4 words that are descriptive; also analyze which sense they appeal to.

1. _____ sense: _____

2. _____ sense: _____

3. _____ sense: _____

4. _____ sense: _____

3. **Sequencing** (Descriptive writing should be organized in the way that most effectively makes your reader feel like they are there.) Sequential (what you notice first, second, third,...), Emphatic (most important first, least important last; or switched), or Spatially (from top to bottom, left to right, etc.). Explain how your piece is organized:

4. **Simile** (comparison using "like" or "as") *Her smile is as bright as the sun.* Write yours here:

OR

Metaphor (comparison not using “like” or “as”). *The skillet-hot pavement burned my feet as I ran.* Write yours here:

5. **Hyperbole** (exaggeration for effect). *I was so tired after running the mile my feet nearly fell off.* Write yours here:

OR

Personification (giving human traits to something not human). *The wind howled and the hairs on my neck stood at attention.* Write yours here:

6. **Participial Phrase Sentence Start** (verb + ing to start a sentence). *Wanting so badly to jump in the water, I sat inches from the edge.* Write yours here:

7. **Yeah!!!** One part you think sounds really good as is:

8. **Magic 3** (repetition for effect – repeat a word or phrase three times in a row). *There you could see an ocean as blue as today’s sky; There you could see sails in the horizon like birds along a fence; There you could see sunsets move slowly into soft nights.* Write yours here:
